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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted per the discussion between the undersigned and Ms. Ellen Stokes of the Initial Patent Examination Division.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

- On page 6, delete lines 14-16;
- On page 6, line 17, change "7" to - 6 -;
- On page 6, line 19, change "8" to - 7 -;
- On page 10, line 29, change "8" to - 7 -;
- On page 18, change "Figure 6 is a simplified flowchart" to - The following is a description -;
- On page 18, line 18, delete "This routine begins at step 600";
- On page 19, line 13, delete "at step 602";
- On page 19, line 15, delete "at step 604";
- On page 19, line 17, change "the outcome of the test at step 602 is negative" to - all the data in the upper bound block does not satisfy the unanimity criterion -;
- On page 19, line 18, delete "at step 606";

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On page 19, line 21, delete ", which is indicated by processing step 608";
On page 20, line 12, change "7" to - 6 -;
On page 20, line 12, change "700" to - 600 -;
On page 20, line 14, change "702" to - 602 -;
On page 20, line 14, change "704" to - 604 -;
On page 20, line 15, change "705" to - 605 -;
On page 20, line 16, change "708" to - 608 -;
On page 20, line 16, change "710" to - 610 -;
On page 20, line 16, change "712" to - 612 -;
On page 20, line 19, change "714" to - 614 -;
On page 20, line 20, change "716" to - 616 -;
On page 20, line 21, change "702, 704, 708, 710, 712, 714 and 716" to - 602,
604, 608, 610, 612, 614 and 616 -;
On page 20, line 27, change "700" to - 600 -;
On page 20, line 28, change "715" to - 615 -;
On page 20, line 30, change "702" to - 602 -;
On page 21, lines 1, 4 and 27, change "702" to - 602 -;
On page 21, line 6, change both occurrences of "704" to - 604 -;
On page 21, lines 7, 9 (for both occurrences), 13, 21 and 23, change "708" to -
608 -;
On page 21, line 10, change both occurrences of "714" to - 614 -;
On page 21, line 15, change "710" to - 610 -;
On page 21, line 16, change "706" to - 606 -;
On page 21, lines 19, 22 and 23, change "715" to - 615 -;
On page 21, line 25, change "712" to - 612 -;
On page 20, line 20, change "716" to - 616 -.

REMARKS

The above amendments simply conform the Written Description to the
Formal Drawings. The undersigned apologizes for the inconsistency that currently

